

**Scott Enloe**

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**Medium:** wood

**About the Artist:**

Scott Enloe, a canoe and furniture builder from Great Falls, has a woodworking passion that began as a child in a home where his father and family were the “hands-on” type. He was influenced daily by his father and uncles who involved him in everything from building model airplanes to real airplanes, wood toys, furniture, bicycles, and cars.

Enloe’s passion for wood bloomed in 1987 with the purchase of his first home and his full set of woodworking tools. He constructed home furnishings, eventually returning to his home town of Great Falls, where a larger shop allowed him more space. He left his corporate job in 2002 to pursue his passion of becoming a full-time woodworker, and he has never looked back. He continues to build furniture, having worked with master chair builder Sam Maloof.

**About the Art:**

Through building furniture, Enloe became intrigued by wood boat building. He became particularly interested in cedar strip canoe building and began to study the subject, visiting wood boat shops and learning from discussions with the builders. He and his family bought a canoe and rediscovered their love of Montana and its waters. This led to his building his first wood boat, a kayak for his wife.

Enloe led a Boy Scout troupe in building 13 one-man plywood canoes. He worked with each scout in providing private instruction on the construction and finish of their own paddle. As their reward, the whole troop paddled the waters of the Clearwater River and Holland Lake. Enloe also was a regular at the History Museum’s Cottonwood Festival, where he demonstrated the building of a cedar strip canoe to 1000’s of people. He also has created “build your own” canoe kits, writing his own instruction book and providing one-on-one guidance via e-mail, video, and telephone to novice builders. Furthermore, he has found the feedback priceless in his own learning process. The questions of novice builders has helped to confirm, define and improve his own work.

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